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Ms. Diane Atkinson  
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Dear Ms. Atkinson:

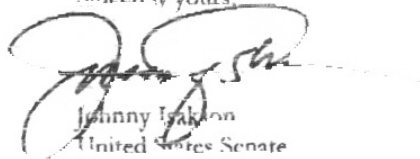
I am writing in support of an application submitted by Bacon County Health Services for funding under the Rural Healthcare Pilot Program.

The residents of southeast Georgia will greatly benefit from improved access to advanced health telecommunications and information services. Area health care providers will be connected to Peachnet and the Medical College of Georgia Center for Telehealth, increasing the availability of quality healthcare to a rural region that desperately needs assistance.

In respect for your policies and procedures, I request that you give Bacon County Health Services your full consideration for this important funding. If you have any questions regarding my support for this application, please do not hesitate to contact my grants coordinator, Andrew Billing at (770) 661-0999.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Johnny Isakson  
United States Senate

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cc: The Honorable Tommy Smith  
Member, Georgia General Assembly

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**May 11, 2007**

Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20553

**RE: Bacon County Health Services, Inc., Proceeding:02-60**  
**Application for FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program**

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to express my support for Bacon County Health Service's application for the Rural Health Care pilot program. I think this application is an excellent use of government funds. The project will build a broadband fiber network connecting rural health facilities to Urban Hospitals and medical facilities.

The fiber facilities will be built by Telco providers who fund the project through Universal Service Fund (USF). The fiber facilities are priced at levels below existing market Telco facilities so it is economically feasible and will be an asset that will be used by these rural providers for the next 20 years.

The project makes use of existing fiber infrastructure and existing connections to minimize cost. Hospitals are connected to existing intercity fiber facilities and to the existing UGA networks for connecting to MCG and Internet2. Connecting to MCG will provide the telehealth and telemedicine experience and expertise to create the applications to make the project successful.

**This is the only application from Georgia and at 1.5 million is the most cost efficient Application submitted.**

The service provider is a well-established rural telephone company who has been in business since 1947 (sixty years) and has experience and an excellent reputation in dealing with RUS Grants and loans and USF School as and libraries projects.

Sincerely,

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Jack Kingston  
Member of Congress

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May 14, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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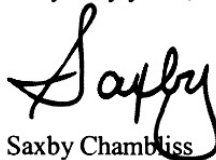
Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing in support of the Bacon County Health Service, Inc., grant application for the *Rural Health Care Pilot Program* from the Federal Communications Commission. The grant seeks \$2,239,580 for a two-year period to be used to improve health care for rural residents in south Georgia.

I understand that hospitals in Bacon, Coffee, Wayne and Ware Counties, and all county health departments in the southeast District Health area, will be provided improved access to advanced health telecommunications and information services. I am told that many residents do not have the financial resources to travel to urban cities where medical services are available. Through telemedicine technology, patients could remain in their local community while receiving necessary specialty care. I believe the area health care providers will be connected to Peachnet and the Medical College of Georgia Center for Telehealth.

I would appreciate your review of the grant application consistent with your existing guidelines and policies. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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**May 31, 2007**

Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20553

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**Application for FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program**

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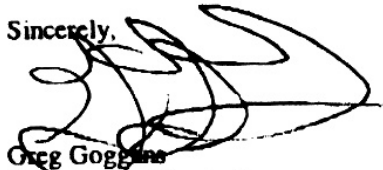
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Sincerely,

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**May 31, 2007**

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
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**RE: Bacon County Health Services, Inc., Proceeding:02-60**  
**Application for FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program**

**Dear Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman:**

I urge you to approve funding for the Bacon County Health Services, Inc. application. Rural South Georgians need to be provided improved health care. The health network that will be implemented with these FCC funds is vital for health care providers in our rural hospitals and public health departments to consult with medical specialists that are not available in South Georgia.

Many of our residents do not have the financial resources to travel 100+ miles for medical services in urban cities. Through telemedicine technology, they could remain in their local community while receiving necessary specialty care previously only accessible via patient transportation to the long distance specialist.

Your favorable consideration in approving the Bacon County Health Services, Inc. application is appreciated. This is the **ONLY** application submitted from Georgia.

Sincerely,

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Greg Goggans  
State Senate District 7



## ***House of Representatives***

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May 31, 2007

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20553

RE: Bacon County Health Service, Inc., Proceeding: 02-60

Dear Chairman Martin,

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the Bacon County Health Services, Inc. application for funds to provide improved health care to rural residents in this area of Georgia. Hospitals in four Georgia counties and all county health departments in the Southeast District Health area will have improved access to advanced health telecommunications and information services. Area health care providers will also be connected to Peachnet and the Medical College of Georgia Center for Telehealth.

I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this funding request. If I can provide additional assistance please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Larry (Butch) Parrish

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## *House of Representatives*

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May 16, 2007

Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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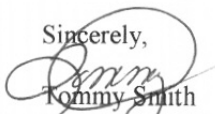
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I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
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June 1, 2007

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445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20553

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Dear Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman:

It is with great urgency that I ask for your approval of the application submitted by Bacon County Health Services, Inc. for the FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The health network that will be implemented with these funds is vital for health care providers in our rural hospitals and public health departments to consult with medical specialists that are not available in South Georgia. As a State Senator of Rural Southeast Georgia, I see the need for improved quality health care and with the approval of these funds we will be a step closer in meeting those needs.

I am aware that many of the residents of Bacon County have low to moderate incomes and do not have the financial resources to travel 100+ miles for medical services in urban cities. Telemedicine technology will make it possible for them to remain in their local community while receiving necessary specialty care previously only accessible via patient transportation to the long distance specialist.

Your favorable consideration in approving the Bacon County Health Services, Inc. application for the FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program is appreciated. This is the ONLY application submitted from Georgia. Should you wish to speak to me personally in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Tommie Williams  
Senate Majority Leader

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